

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-24 and replace with the following claims 25-31:

25. (New) A cord securing device, comprising:

a housing having an opening (6B) defined therein and an upper surface (500);

a sliding device in operative engagement with the housing and having an opening (6C) defined therein, the sliding device being exposed to a pulling force (F2) pulling the sliding device in a first direction;

a bendable cord (4) extending through the opening (6B) and the opening (6C), the cord having a bent portion (4C) being bent about and engaging an upper force applying edge (8) of the housing and having a cord portion (4A) extending along the upper surface (500) of the housing, the cord portion (4A) being exposed to a pulling force (S1) pulling the cord portion (4A) in a second direction that is substantially opposite the first direction, the upper force applying edge (8) being disposed at the upper surface (500),

the sliding device having a first securing edge (9) at the opening (6C) and the housing having a second securing edge (14), the edges 9, 14 bearing against the cord as the pulling force (F2) urges the sliding device in the first direction and the pulling force (S1) urges the cord portion (4A) in the second direction; and

the cord urging a lower sliding surface (1C) of the housing against an upper sliding surface (2C) of the sliding device to secure the cord to the securing device and to prevent the sliding device from separating from the housing.

26. (New) A cord securing device according to claim 25, wherein the opening (6B) has a length (L1) that is greater than a length (L2) of the opening (6C).

27. (New) A cord securing device according to claim 25, wherein a center line (C1) of the opening (6B) extends in a transverse direction in relation to a plane (P1) which contains a sliding surface (1C) of the housing (1), and that a normal (N1) of said plane (P1) and said center line (C1) forms an angle (a) which is 0 - 80°.

28. (New) A cord securing device according to claim 27, wherein the sliding device is movable between a releasing position that releases the cord from the housing and a securing position that secures the cord against the housing.

29. (New) A cord securing device according to claim 25, wherein the housing has a opening (6D) defined therein.

30. (New) A cord securing according to claim 29, wherein the housing has a third securing edge (13) bearing against the cord (4).

31. (New) Method for securing a cord, comprising the steps of:

providing a housing having a through hole defined therein, a sliding device having a through hole defined therein, a sliding surface on the housing, a first securing edge connected to the housing, a second securing edge connected to the sliding device and a force applying part connected to the sliding device,

positioning a cord within and passing through the through holes, such that at least one of two cord ends comes out of one of the through holes,

bending the cord about an edge disposed at an upper surface of the housing, and

applying a pulling force to one of the cord ends or force applying part so that the force applied to the cord end is in a direction that is opposite a direction of a pulling force applied to the sliding device so that the cord is secured between securing edges,

wherein one of said through holes is arranged so as to provide a freely interacting a lever arm of substantial length, in order to produce an adaptive interaction for securing of said cord.